

Camp Parillon Feb. 4th 1779.

Dear Jack.

The lengthy Epistle which comes with this has been waiting ever since its date for an opportunity, I had several times thought of sending it by the Post, but when I consider'd the enormity of its size I fear'd it would cost a continental Sheet to pay its postage; so devolving in my own mind the expence, and the matter of entertainment it might afford, I determin'd to wait some private ~~opportunity~~ conveyance but have met with none. Perhaps you have repeatedly accus'd me of inattention, ingratitude, and a variety of harsh epithets, none of w^{ch} I have deserved, for not a single chance have I had to write you since the one at Hartford, except the Post, w^{ch} I declin'd embracing for the reasons above: but as I fear you are blaming me, if no opportunity offers in two days I think I shall saddle you with a pretty expence for these two Letters.

On Fryday last Cap^t Palmer arriv'd at Philadelphia from Martinico with public dispatches the contents of which have not yet been published. The Cap^t informs that General Grant had taken the Island of St Lucia, previous to the arrival of the Count D'Estange. The Count on his arrival immediately sail'd with a Body of Troops to re-possess the Island, but was obliged to return, after having attempted to take the Works by storm, and meeting with a repulse.

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He has returned to Martinico and was join'd
by four Ships from France. — he has taken two-
British Frigates and a large number of Prizes.

We are very comfortably situated under the
mountains at this place, the Officers and Men being
now nearly completely Hutt'd, and two very genteel
rooms built for public Amusements, one at this
place, and the other at Pluck'emin; and on the 18.th
a Grand Ball is to be given at the latter Place and
a variety of Fire-works exhibited; ^{you} I find we have
some little prospect of being clever in the dancing
way. — How goes on your Assembly? I ^{want} ~~would~~ greatly
to be there, I wish to dance again among those brill-
iant Set of Goddesses — My Conscience! if I had not
been a Married Man I would have been all over
with me.

His Excellency Gen^l Washington has been for
some time past at Philadelphia as has Gen^l Greene &
his Lady, but we expect their return tomorrow.

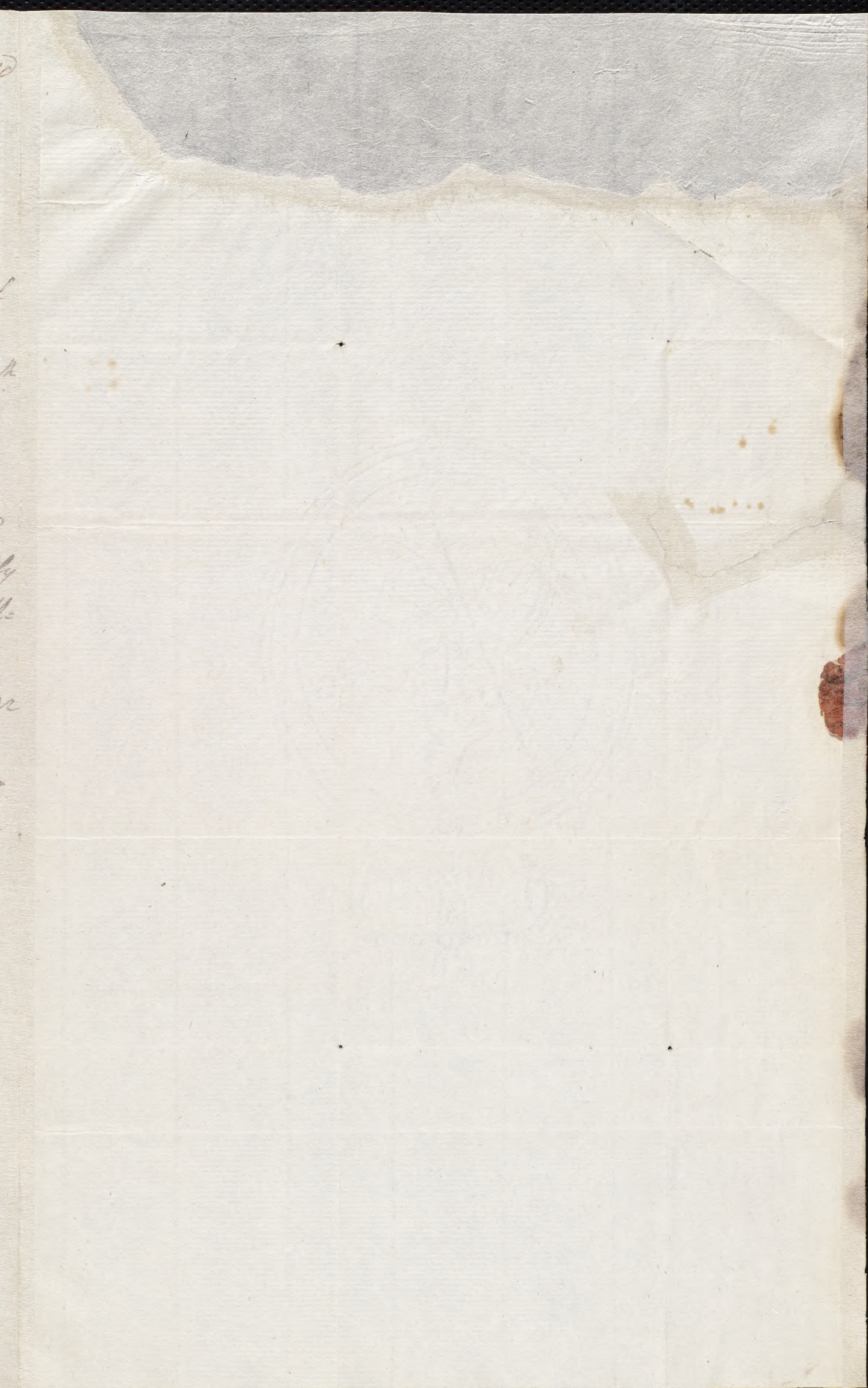
I am with Esteem

Your Friend and Able Serv^t

Wm Blodget

Where is M^r White? I would write him if I could find out
the place he resides at.

M^r John Fushing.



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